

RECALL INFORMATION

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STATEWIDE SPECIAL ELECTION INFORMATION

At the October 7, 2003 Statewide Special Election there will be three questions on the ballot. The first is a two-part question regarding the recall of the governor. The second and third questions are ballot measures (Propositions 53 and 54).

The recall question contains two parts. You may vote on both parts or on just one. Either way, your vote will be counted. The first part will ask, "Shall Gray Davis be recalled (removed) from the office of governor?"

The second part will list the names of candidates running to replace the governor if he is recalled. If you choose to vote for a replacement candidate, you may vote for only one of the many candidates.

If more voters mark "yes" than "no" on the first part of the recall question, the governor will be removed from office. If more voters mark "no" than "yes", the governor will remain in office.

If the governor is recalled, the candidate who receives the most votes will be elected as the new governor. That person can be sworn in as the governor once the results of the election are certified.

This pamphlet includes the "statement of reasons" submitted by the proponents of the recall, the governor's answer to that statement, and arguments for or against the recall. It also contains information on both state propositions.

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Proponent's Grounds for Recall and the Governor's Response

The recall petition circulated throughout the state included arguments for and against a possible recall. For your information, we are providing an identical copy of these arguments below.

Proponent's Statement of Reasons

TO THE HONORABLE GRAY DAVIS: Pursuant to Section 11020, California Election Code, the undersigned registered qualified voters of the State of California, hereby give notice that we are the proponents of a recall petition and that we intend to seek your recall and removal from the office of Governor of the State of California, and to demand election of a successor in that office. The grounds for the recall are as follows: **Gross mismanagement of California Finances by overspending taxpayers' money, threatening public safety by cutting funds to local governments, failing to account for the exorbitant cost of the energy fiasco, and failing in general to deal with the state's major problems until they get to the crisis stage. California should not have to be known as the state with poor schools, traffic jams, outrageous utility bills, and huge debts....all caused by gross mismanagement.**

Governor's Answer to the Statement

IF YOU SIGN THIS PETITION, IT MAY LEAD TO A SPECIAL ELECTION THIS SUMMER COSTING US TAXPAYERS AN ADDITIONAL \$20-40 MILLION.

Last November, almost 8,000,000 Californians went to the polls. They voted to elect Governor Davis to another term.

Just days after the Governor's inauguration in January, however, a handful of rightwing politicians are attempting to overturn the voters' decision. They couldn't beat him fair and square, so now they're trying another trick to remove him from office.

This effort is being led by the former Chairman of the State Republican Party, who was censured by his own party.

We should not waste scarce taxpayers' dollars on sour grapes. The time for partisanship and campaigning is past. It's time for both parties to work together on our State's problems.

Moreover, the allegations leveled against the Governor are false. As Governor, Davis has vetoed almost \$9 BILLION in spending. California, along with 37 other states, is facing a budget deficit due to the bad national economy. The Bush Administration has announced the federal deficit this year will be the biggest in history, \$304 BILLION.

In these difficult and dangerous times, LET'S WORK TOGETHER, not be diverted by partisan mischief.

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RECALL ARGUMENT FORM



Name: Edward J. "Ted" Costa

Recall Argument (500 word limit):

See Attachment

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The undersigned author of the above argument hereby declares under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that it is true and correct.

Edward J. "Ted" Costa
Signature

10-7-03
Date

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Gray Davis is a FAILED governor. He should be recalled

FACT: Gray Davis MISLED the people of California about his spending spree of taxpayer's money. He turned our surplus into a record deficit. He told us one thing while doing another. He ran up a debt of \$1,100 for every man, woman and child in California. Despite this serious situation, Gray Davis still refuses to address our budget crisis. After he signed yet another over-blown budget, California's credit rating was lowered again, costing another \$40 million per year.

FACT: California is in deep trouble, yet Gray Davis has no plan to remove us from the brink of bankruptcy. Even now, he still refuses to take responsibility. Gray Davis made a lot of promises, but delivered little for anyone except the special interest groups, the trial lawyers and the labor union bosses who already have too much power.

FACT: Davis TRIPLED THE CAR TAX! After promising to veto any Car Tax increase, he directed his staff to trigger the increase, which will cost the average family \$460 every year. No vote, no accountability, no responsibility. Davis just decided he wanted to tax you and ordered his staff to collect.

Recalling a governor is a serious matter; but so is accountability

FACT: Over 296,000 good paying jobs have left California and more are leaving every day. Over one million Californians can't find work, while neighboring states are happily providing jobs for people leaving California. You can't have employEES without employERS, yet Gray Davis is doing nothing to address the Workers Compensation Crisis he created that threatens all jobs in California.

FACT: Our schools, once among the best in America, are now among the worst. Gray Davis looked us straight in the eye and promised California a "world-class" education system. Instead, our schools are in crisis and our teachers are suffering due to the slashing of our investment in education. Our kids deserve better.

FACT: While our roads are crumbling and traffic is getting worse every day, Davis has diverted billions of our highway dollars to pay for his overspending.

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FACT: Californians continue to pay the highest electricity rates in the nation due to Davis' failure to respond to the energy crisis.

FACT: Gray Davis refuses to take responsibility. He maintains the budget deficit is not his problem; other states have deficits, too. But, California's deficit is more than the other 48 states combined. Now Davis wants to blame the deficit on the \$2 per person cost of the recall.

FACT: Something has to change. This recall is about FACTS that prove Gray Davis has failed. We cannot continue down the path of higher taxes, job losses, and wasteful government spending. We must hold politicians like Gray Davis accountable.

Over 2,100,000 people have spoken by signing the recall petitions that made this election possible. They can't all be wrong.

Vote YES! RECALL Gray Davis.

Edward J. "Ted" Costa, CEO

People's Advocate Inc.

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- ☐ A maximum of 500 words may be used. Word count standards shall be pursuant to Elections Code Section 9.
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- ☐ Please refer to the section in this packet entitled "Recall Argument Guidelines" for complete requirements.

Your Name: Edward J. "Ted" Costa

THE FOLLOWING OPTIONAL INFORMATION WILL APPEAR WITH YOUR RECALL ARGUMENT IN THE CALIFORNIA VOTER INFORMATION GUIDE (THIS INFORMATION IS NOT INCLUDED IN THE WORD COUNT):

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Name: Governor Gray Davis

Recall Argument (500 word limit):

It has been my honor to serve my state and country for many years, as an Army Captain in Vietnam, State Controller, Lieutenant Governor and now as Governor.

California voters are fair-minded. I trust them. I believe they will do the right thing on October 7.

Here are the reasons I ask voters to oppose the recall:

Cost to Taxpayers. This recall effort, funded by conservative Republicans, will cost taxpayers approximately \$66 million for a Special Election. That money would be better spent on education, health care, and public safety.

Uncertainty. Because there are so many candidates on the ballot, *the next governor could be elected with less than 15% of the vote!* And voters won't know who the replacement would be when they vote on the recall.

Inexperience. The person selected with such a small percentage of the vote could be inexperienced and out of step with Californians. He or she would take office within days, and have little time to assemble a team.

A Right-Wing Conservative Agenda. The recall was financed by right-wing Republicans who want to replace our progressive agenda with their conservative agenda. During the recent budget fight in Sacramento, the Republicans tried delaying kindergarten for 100,000 children, taking away health coverage for 400,000 children, and limiting access to higher education by stripping \$600 million from the higher education budget.

No Solution. A national recession has created deficits in California and 46 other states. But the Republicans behind this recall are trying to blame one person for all of California's problems. While you might not agree with everything I have done, this costly recall won't make things better – and could make things worse.

Issues You Care About. I strongly support a woman's right to choose and protecting our environment. I am working hard to improve our schools and to support public safety. This recall could result in a right-wing conservative governor whose agenda is not supported by most Californians.

For the sake of California, vote NO on the recall.

Gray Davis

Governor of the State of California

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Gray Davis

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Candidate's Signature

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